



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 10, 1999

### **H.R. 193** **Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 4, 1999*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 193 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because H. R. 193 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 193 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 193 would designate 29 miles of river segments in Massachusetts as scenic and recreational rivers. The segments would be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in cooperation with the SUASCO River Stewardship Council, as provided for in a conservation plan prepared by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Study Committee. The act would authorize the NPS to provide financial and other assistance to the state and relevant local governments under cooperative agreements to facilitate the management of the newly designated river segments.

The act would authorize the appropriation of up to \$100,000 each year to implement the river conservation plan, including financial assistance to the state and local governments. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 193 will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 1999 and that the authorized funding will be appropriated for fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent year. We estimate that outlays to implement the plan would total about \$500,000 over the 2000-2004 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

On February 4, 1999, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 193 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on February 3, 1999. The two versions of H.R. 193 are similar, and the estimated costs are the same.

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